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	National Park Baseline Water Quality Data Inventory and Analysis Report Series, Mike Matz & Dean Tucker, National Park Service	Mapping the Road to Recovery: Integrated Water Quality and Biological Monitoring of Onondaga Lake, New York,	Letting Monitoring Data Speak for Themselves, <b>Revital Katznelson</b> , <b>State Water Resources Control</b> <b>Board Oakland</b> , <b>California</b>	STORET - Supporting the Business of Environmental Monitoring, Cary Mcelhinney, U.S. EPA, Washington, D.C.
		Elizabeth Moran, EcoLogic, LLC New York	XML - The Lingua Franca of the Information Age, Abigail Cantor, Process Research Madison, Wisconsin	

# **Track 5: Making Sense of the Data**

Considerations	for	Interpreting
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Moderator: Tim Kubiak, US Fish and Wildlife Service; Geoffrey Ekechukwu, US Fish and Wildlife Service

The Dynamic Nature of Sediment and Organic Constituents in TSS, Mark Riedel, Coweeta Hydrolic Lab -USDA Forest Service

Assessing the Sensitivity of Endangered and Threatened Fish Species Using WET, Jim Dwyer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Ecological Description of Fish Assemblages in the Coast Range Ecoregion of Washington and Oregon, Lillian Herger, USEPA, Region 10

Utilization of Thermal Refugia by Salmonids in a Stressed River System: Implications for the Design of Water Quality and Biological Monitoring Programs, George Guillen, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arcata, CA Considerations for Developing Nutrient Criteria

Moderator: Don Dycus, Tennessee Valley Authority

Evaluating the Link Between Nutrient Concentrations, Periphyton-Growth Rates, and Biological Indicators of Ecosystem Health in Five Streams in Tennessee and Alabama, **Anne Hoos**, U.S. Geological Survey

Nutrient and Algal Dynamics in the Quinebaug River Basin, in Connecticut, **Mike Colombo**, **U.S. Geological Survey** 

Establishing Nutrient Criteria for Alabama Reservoirs, Chris Johnson, Alabama Department of Environmental Management

Environmental Water-Quality Zones for Streams: A New Regionalization Scheme, **Dale Robertson, U.S. Geological Survey**  Selecting Indicators and Categorizing Results in Environmental Evaluations

Moderator: Chuck Spooner, USEPA

Evaluation of Monitoring Data from Three Major Rivers in India: Examination of Present Policies and Exploring the Ways to Maximize the Efficiency of Existing Data, Lenin Kamepalli, Dept of Environmental Sciences, J.B. Campus, Bangalore University

Oklahoma 's Use Support Assessment Protocols (USAP): An Historical Overview and Their Practical Application, Bill Cauthron, Oklahoma Water Resources Board/WQ Programs Division

Development and Application of Indicators for Monitoring Coastal Response to Effluent Diversion in Massachusetts Bay, Carlton Hunt. Battelle

Finding the Gaps: An Assessment of Aquatic Biodiversity for the Great Lakes Region, Jana Stewart, U.S. Geological Survey Data Evaluation Tools – Statistics, GIS, and Models

**Moderator: Tony Olsen, USEPA** 

Analyzing Archived Water Monitoring Data For Temporal Patterns, Carl Zipper, Virginia Tech

Estimation of Nutrient Loads
Using Continuous Water-Quality
Monitoring and Regression
Analysis Compared to Other LoadEstimation Methods, Victoria
Christensen, U.S. Geological
Survey

A WEB-based GIS Application with a Focus on Source Water Protection Goals of the Safe Drinking Water Act, William Cooter, RTI

The Dane County , Wisconsin Groundwater Flow Model - An Important Tool for Water Resource Management, Kenneth Bradbury, Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey Examples and Experiences with Multi-metric Indices

Moderator: James Stribling, Tetra Tech. Inc.

Vegetation Index of Biotic Integrity (VIBI) for Wetlands: Ecoregional, Hydrogeomorphic and Plant Community Comparisons with Preliminary Wetland Aquatic Life Use Designations, John Mack, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Development and Testing of a Stream Site Classification for Mississippi, **David Bressler**, **Tetra Tech**, **Inc**.

Use of Indices in Evaluating Florida's Ground Water Quality, Rick Copeland, Fl Dept. of Environmental Quality

# **Track 6: Data to Information to Action**

Communicating Results that People Can Understand	Volunteer Monitoring Programs Bridge the Communication Gap	Initiating Action at the Local Level	Computerizing the Environmental Movement	Communicating the Big Picture
Moderator: Abby Markowitz, Tetra Tech, Inc.	Moderator: Linda Green URI Watershed Watch	Moderator: Toni Johnson, USGS	Moderator: Jeff Loser, US Dept. of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service,	Moderator: Greg Gross, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
"Developing communication strategies involves setting goals and figuring out how to reach them. This interactive session will examine a series of steps we can use to craft effective	Monitoring for Action, Elizabeth Herron, URI Cooperative Extension	Amish Water Quality Education, James Hoorman, Ohio State University Extension Coupling Hands-On Geoscience	Mary Ambrose, TNRCC  Using Internet Information to Protect Water Quality in Missouri, Tabitha Madzura, UOE/Mo Win	Water Quality Management 101 - Communicating the Big Picture with the Basics, <b>Derek Smithee</b> , <b>Oklahoma Water Resources</b> <b>Board</b>
communication strategies to get us where we want to go: objective, audience, message, format, distribution, and evaluation. Facilitators: <b>Abby Markowitz</b> , <b>Tetra</b> <b>Tech</b> "	FM River Project, Thomas Moe, Energy & Environmental Research Center  Volunteer Environmental Monitoring and NPS Pollution	Education with Riparian Restoration in the Red River Basin, North Dakota, Charlene Crocker, Energy & Environment Research Center	Dissemination of Beach Water Quality and Notification Nationwide, <b>Tim Gormley, Earth</b> <b>911</b>	Communicating U.S. Geological Survey Water-Quality Data Using Health- Based Screening Levels, Patty Toccalino, Oregon Health and Science University
	Prevention in Texas, Jason Pinchback, Texas Watch  Secchi, Bob Carlson, Kent State University	Communicating Water Quality/Quantity Data to a Small Wisconsin Village Board in time for Informed Decisions, Wes Halverson, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	Online with IOWATER Monitors, Lynette Seigley, Iowa Department of Natural Resources - Geological Survey Bureau	The Glue That Binds: Linking Monitoring Through Communication in the Great Lakes Basin Ric Lawson, Lake Michigan Monitoring
		Design of Water Quality Information Systems within the Framework of Collaborative Watershed Organizations, Case Study: Big Thompson Watershed Forum, Julianne Brown,	GIS Outreach and Training Approaches for Decision-Makers and Educators to Ensure Data to Action in Local Watersheds, Jeffrey Schloss, University of New Hampshire	Moving from "Data" to "Indicators": Connecting Water with Decision Making, Elisabeth Graffy, U.S. Geological Survey

Building on the track presentations and discussions, we will use these working sessions to explore the relationship between the monitoring framework and the goals of the Council's four workgroups.

Water	Informa	4:00	Strategies

## Moderators: Robert Ward, Colorado State University & Peter Tennant, Orsanco

The goal of this Council workgroup is to create and communicate goal-oriented monitoring design guidance that results in comparable information, over time and space, being produced in support of management decision making.

### **Methods and Data Comparability**

# Moderator: Herb Brass, USEPA & Charlie Peters, USGS

The goal of this Council workgroup is to explore, evaluate, and develop methods and approaches to measurement that facilitate collaboration and promote comparability between water quality monitoring programs.

# **Collaboration and Outreach**

## Moderator: Fred Banach, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection & Linda Green, URI Watershed Watch

The goal of this Council workgroup is to build and support creative partnerships among the many elements of the monitoring community, particularly by supporting the development of state and regional monitoring councils.

### **Watershed Components Interactions**

### Moderator: Jeff Loser, US Dept. of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service

The goal of this Council workgroup is to provide a national forum to demonstrate how the interactions of the ground water resource with other components of the watershed can impact the ecological integrity of the entire system.

# **Posters**

#### Citizen Action

- Regional Biological Monitoring: A Coordinated Effort by Professional and Volunteer Monitors, Casandra Champion, Metropolitan Council Environmental Services
- Effectively Working with Volunteer Monitors, Elizabeth Herron, University of Rhode Island-Cooperative Extension
- Building a comprehensive support system for Cooperative Extension volunteer water quality monitoring efforts, Kristine Stepenuck, University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension
- Testing Water Quality in Puerto Rico 's Beaches, Ana Navarro, UPR Sea Grant College Program
- FM River Project, Thomas Moe, Energy & Environmental Research Center

# **Monitoring Program Design and Implementation**

- The National Study of Chemical Residues in Lake Fish Tissue, Leanne Stahl, USEPA Office of Science and Technology
- Collection of Nationally Comparable and Defensible Water Quality Data, Franceska Wilde, U.S. Geological Survey
- Source Water Protection on the Rhine: The Merits of a Joint Approach, **Peter Stokes**

## Field Methods, Experiences

- Laser Diffraction Sediment Sensors Measure In-situ Size Distribution and Concentration with a Fixed Calibration, **Yogesh Agrawal**, Wright State University Department of Geological Sciences
- Continuous DO Monitoring in Urban Waterways in Chicago, Irwin Polls, Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
- Fig. 11 If Water Clarity is the Issue, then Why Not Measure It?, **David Smith**, New York City Department of Environmental Protection
- An Automated Validation and Alert System for Continuous Environmental Monitoring Data, Kirk Barrett, Rutgers Meadowlands Environmental Research Institute
- Determination of Total and Clay Suspended Sediment Loads from In-Stream Turbidity Data in North Santiam River Basin, Oregon, Mark Uhrich, U.S. Geological Survey
- Continuous Water Temperature Monitoring in Wisconsin, Cindy Koperski, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- Field Filtration and Chilling as an Alternative to Acidification and Chilling for Stabilizing Nutrient Concentrations During 30-day Storage Intervals, **Charles Patton**, U.S. Geological Survey, National Water Quality Laboratory
- ➤ Biological Early Warning Systems in Drinking Water Production, **Peter Stokes**, WRK Water Works, Netherlands

### **GIS and Models**

- Flood Inundation Modeling in Bangladesh Using GIS, Mohammad Rahman, Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology
- NASS'a Ortho-Rectified Cropland Data Layer, Rick Mueller, USDA/NASS

# **Reports of Study Findings**

- Predicted Impact of Transgenic Crops on Water Quality and Related Ecosystems in vulnerable Watersheds of the United States, **David Gustafson**, Monsanto
- Sediment Quality Assessment and Monitoring in the St. Johns River Water Management District, Florida, Gregory Durell, Battelle Memorial Institute
- Contaminant Profiles in Wastewater Measured in Support of the New Jersey Toxics Reduction Program, Bo Liu, Battelle Memorial Institute
- Results from Upper Mississippi River Water Quality Assessment, **David Stoltenberg**, SEPA-Region 5-Water Division
- Data Analysis and Interpretation of the Lower Little Wolf Water Quality Evaluation in Waupaca County, Wisconsin, Kelly Henderson, University of WI-Stevens Point / Environmental Task Force Program
- Algal-Nutrient Relations in the Yellowstone River, Montana, **David Peterson**, U.S. Geological Survey

## QA/QC

- Standards in Laboratory Quality, **Brooke Connor**, US Geological Survey
- Method Performance Characteristics and the Merging of Biological Assessment Datasets, **James Stribling**, Tetra Tech, Inc.

# **Biological Assessment**

- Assemblage-Level Biological Indicators for Determining Impairment/Non-Impairment Status of Mississippi Streams, James Stribling, Tetra Tech, Inc.
- Biological Assessment of the Little Patuxent River, Cattail Creek, and Brighton Dam Watersheds, Howard County, Maryland Kristen Pavlik, Tetra Tech, Inc.
- An Introduction to Wetland Bioassessment and the Biological Assessment of Wetlands Workgroup, **Douglass Hoskins**, United States EPA

### **Effective Data Communication Tools**

- Characterizing Ground-Water Quality in Kentucky: From Site Selection to Published Information, Stephen Fisher, Kentucky Geological Survey
- > Using Brochures to Effectively Communicate Biomonitoring Results: A Quick Yet Informative Way to Look at Your Watershed, Kristen Pavlik, Tetra Tech, Inc.
- Picture's Worth 1,000 (or more) Data Points: Using Data Visualization Tools to Present Large Quantities of Water Quality Data, Chris Buck, Apprise Technologies, Inc.

# **Field Trips**

# Adding Structure to the Monitoring Framework

# **Moderator: Charlie Peters, USGS**

This interactive session will give participants the opportunity to look at a large visual representation of the "monitoring framework" and to brainstorm the missing pieces. This session will help guide the NWQM Council's current and future efforts to promote and sustain the monitoring framework.

## FIELD TRIP

# We will explore:

- effects of urbanization on the surface and ground water resource
- approaches to monitoring and reporting beach contamination
- impacts of urban and agricultural land uses on a world class trout stream
- various biological and water quality sampling methods
- new and unique in-situ instruments